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SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

1. FOLLOWING IS MIDDLE EAST SITUATION THROUGH EVENING OF OCTOBER 27.

2. UNEF-UNTSO: SC COMPLETED INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON THE SYG'S UNEF REPORT AT 1:45 PM. USSR SAID IT WOULD QUOTE NOT OBJECT IN PRINCIPLE UNQUOTE TO ADOPTION OF REPORT ALTHOUGH IT RAISED OBJECTIONS TO REPORTED ISRAELI OPPOSITION TO TROOP CONTINGENTS FROM COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT RECOGNIZE ISRAEL. USSR URGED THAT SYG'S REPORT STATE THAT CONTINGENTS BE SELECTED QUOTE ON THE BASIS OF UNQUOTE AN ADEQUATE GEOGRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE SC HELD A FORMAL MEETING IN EVENING AND, BY A 14-0 VOTE (PRC NOT PARTICIPATING), APPROVED THE SYG'S REPORT WITH AN AMENDMENT WHEREBY THE SYG WOULD BEAR IN MIND PRINCIPLE OF EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC PARTICIPATION.

3. USSR HAS DECLARED TO THE SC MEMBERS THAT IT READY TO ASSIST IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF THE FORCE. ROMANIA, WHICH MAINTAINS RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL AND THE ARABS, HAS STATED IT PREPARED BE IN THE QUOTE FOREFRONT UNQUOTE OF COUNTRIES CONTRIBUTING CONTINGENTS TO UNEF. ROMANIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO UN ASKED AMBASSADOR SCALI TO USE HIS INFLUENCE WITH OTHER SC MEMBERS TO HAVE ROMANIAN'S OFFER ACCEPTED.

4. UNTSO PATROLS ARE REPORTED OPERATING ON BOTH EAST AND WEST BANKS OF THE CANAL AND ON THE SYRIAN FRONT. A 56-MAN FINNISH PEACEKEEPING CONTINGENT REACHED SUEZ CITY AT NOON AFTER HAVING BEEN DETAINED OUTSIDE CITY FOR SEVERAL HOURS BY IDF.

5. EGYPTIAN THIRD ARMY: DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN MCCLOSKEY ANNOUNCED THIS AFTERNOON THAT QUOTE AS A RESULT OF OUR GOOD OFFICES, UNQUOTE EGYPT AND ISRAEL AGREED ON A PROPOSAL THAT WOULD CALL FOR A MEETING BETWEEN MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO SIDES UNDER UN AUSPICES AND WITH RED CROSS PERSONNEL PRESENT. MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR 1800 EDT AND IS EXPECTED TO ARRANGE FOR A CONVOY OF NON-SECRET

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MILITARY SUPPLIES TO REACH ELEMENTS OF EGYPTIAN THIRD ARMY, TRAPPED ON EAST BANK.

6. CEASEFIRE. UNTSO PATROLS ON THE CANAL'S EAST BANK REPORT ALL QUIET DURING THE DAY; SOME SMALL ARMS FIRE AND OVERFLIGHTS WERE REPORTED BY WEST BANK PATROLS DURING MORNING. UNTSO PATROLS REPORT ALL QUIET ON THE SYRIAN FRONT DURING THE DAY.

7. USDAO AMMAN REPORTS WITHDRAWAL OF SOME JORDAN ARAB ARMY ARMORED ELEMENTS FROM THE ISRAELI-JORDANIAN BORDER AND THEIR REDEPLOYMENT TO THE NORTH AND NORTHEAST. THIS SHIFT IS BELIEVED RELATED TO BOTH THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CEASEFIRE WITH ISRAEL AND THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME IRAQI ACTION AGAINST SYRIA OR JORDAN.

8. POW'S. AN IDF SPOKESMAN HAS ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY THAT ISRAEL HAS 1,641 ARAB POW'S (1,265 EGYPTIANS, 354 SYRIANS, 17 IRAQIS, 5 MOROCCANS) IN POW CAMPS AND APPROXIMATELY 3,000 OTHERS, MOSTLY EGYPTIANS, ENROUTE TO THE CAMPS.

9. POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS. UPI QUOTES ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER ABBA EBAN AS TELLING NEWSMEN FRIDAY NIGHT THAT PEACE TALKS SHOULD BE STARTING SOON WITH EGYPT (BUT NOT SYRIA) PROVIDED EGYPT GOES ALONG WITH A COMPLETE EXCHANGE OF POW'S. EBAN REPORTEDLY SET FORTH A SCENARIO THAT INCLUDES: MUTUAL ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN TROOP WITHDRAWALS ACROSS THE SUEZ CANAL (A PROPOSAL ALSO MADE BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ALLON IN AN OCTOBER 27 TELEVISION INTERVIEW); FURTHER ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE EAST BANK SO THAT EGYPT CAN REOPEN THE CANAL; A NEW DEMARCATION LINE ESTABLISHED IN SINAI THAT WOULD GRANT ISRAEL QUOTE THE RIGHTS UNQUOTE TO SHARM AL-SHAikh; SIGNATURE OF A FULL PEACE ACCORDING ISRAEL SECURE, AGREED, AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES. EBAN ALSO EXPRESSED A PREFERENCE FOR SOMEWHERE OTHER THAN NEW YORK AS A VENUE FOR THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

10. SIERRA LEONE ANNOUNCED IT HAS BROKEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

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11. TRADE RESTRICTIONS: WE ARE SEEKING CONFIRMATION OF A REPORT THAT ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL OFFICE WARNED INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES AND STEAMSHIP COMPANIES ON OCTOBER 25 THAT THEY WILL BE BOYCOTTED IF THEY RESUME SERVICE TO ISRAEL PRIOR TO ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. A BOYCOTT OF U.S. AND DUTCH COMPANIES IS ALSO THREATENED QUOTE IF THEIR SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL CONTINUES. UNQUOTE.

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